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Dear Members of the Federal Communications Commission:

As an HF amateur radio emergency communicator for over 50 years I am aware of the necessity for, and salvation of, long range communications. The Broadband over Power Lines proposal will cancel our humane public service abilities due to constant noise above the threshold for intelligent understanding of speech or morse code.

Due to my location near the seacoast I am aware of the interference caused by constant powerline noise. The power company has been very cooperative in attempting to eliminate the interference, but are unable to permanently keep the lines clear. The noise I experience can be eliminated on a temporary basis, however, the extreme high levels of interference from BPL are of greater intensity, continuous and cannot be alleviated in any manner thus making HF communications during emergencies impossible for hundreds of thousands of licensed public service communicators.

I urgently request that the present proposal be denied.

Respectfully yours,

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